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## **amending Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme for financial assistance in the field of Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - Transport sector for the period 2014-2020**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 March 2014 the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 which provides support under the Connecting Europe Facility for projects of common interest in the transport sector in the form of grants and for programme support actions<sup>3</sup>. That Decision was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 7303 of 16 October 2019 to provide for an additional Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport 2019 call for proposals published on 16 October 2019. Certain Decisions amending Decision C(2014) 1921 stipulated that the Actions to be implemented with CEF financial assistance were to be completed by 31 December 2023.
- (2) Many CEF supported actions are experiencing delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to address the consequences of the pandemic on the implementation of CEF Actions, the programme's implementing period needs to be extended to 31 December 2024<sup>4</sup>.
- (3) In line with the evolving priorities in the implementation of the Trans-European Transport Network policy objectives defined in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p.129.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014 for financial assistance in the field of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector for the period 2014-2020.

<sup>4</sup> CEF Transport information note to Member States:

[https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/cefpub/new\\_info\\_note\\_to\\_the\\_cef\\_committee\\_on\\_extension\\_policy.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/cefpub/new_info_note_to_the_cef_committee_on_extension_policy.pdf)

European Parliament and of the Council<sup>5</sup>, it is necessary to amend an ongoing programme support action within the meaning of Article 5(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and to provide for a number of new programme support actions.

- (4) In this respect, a total indicative amount of EUR 14 070 000 is presently made available, under the general envelope of CEF Transport, to support additional programme support actions.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) In order to ensure consolidation of all budgetary commitments of the Connecting Europe Facility – Transport sector from 2014 onwards, Annexes III and IV of Decision C(2014) 1921 should be replaced by updated Annexes.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the CEF Coordination Committee established by Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

*‘Article 2*

*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2014-2020 is set at EUR 23 474 500 019 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 06020101: Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections: EUR 8 581 338 394, out of which, for programme support actions: EUR 83 754 544;
- (b) budget line 06020102: Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems: EUR 837 618 124, out of which, for programme support actions: EUR 45 272 695;
- (c) budget line 06020103: Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability: EUR 2 803 510 085, out of which, for programme support actions: EUR 127 690 889, and for contribution to an entrusted body - the SESAR Joint Undertaking: EUR 10 000 000;
- (d) budget line 06020104: Connecting Europe Facility – Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 11 252 033 416, out of which, for programme support actions: EUR 21 933 893.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

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<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1).

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2020 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.’.

- (2) The eligibility of costs and the maximum duration of actions limited to 31 December 2023 in point 7.2.5 of Annex II to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921, point 7.2.6 of Annex II *bis* to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921, point 6.2.5 of Annex II *ter* to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921, point 6.2.5 of Annex II *quater* to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921, point 1.4 Annex II *quinquies* to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 and point 2.3.7 of Annex VI to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921, are extended to 31 December 2024.
- (3) Annex III to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 is replaced by the text in Part I of the Annex to this Decision.
- (4) Annex IV to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 is replaced by the text in Part II of the Annex to this Decision.
- (5) Point 1.4 of Annex V to Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 is replaced by the text in Part III of the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 4.11.2020

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